

REMARKS

Applicant thanks again the Examiner very much for the constructive assistance and suggestions he provides pursuant to M.P.E.P. §707.07 (j). The change he suggested for claims 1-2 and 16 in the last Office Action mailed 2000, September 11 has been adopted. The clamping operation in Claim 16 has been just further developed in accordance to the original specification. As a matter of fact, tilting of the movable parts occurs at the end of the operation. Tilting provokes locking via friction. The resistance felt by the hand(s) is not due to said tilting. The resistance is felt before tilting occurs before. In fact, when the hand(s) are pushing the movable parts towards the object by way of gradually sliding them along the support part, the force they exert on the backs of the movable parts is more or less translated between the buffers, that is to say against the object. This one reacts and opposes to this force a resistance, which in turn is translated towards hand(s). This resistance is equal in value to the force, but opposite the direction of the force. When hand(s) feel enough resistance and stop pushing, the resistance of the object is free to repulse the movable parts, which tilt with respect to the support part. So tilting is rather due to this resistance.

OA issues #1 to 5

A complete set of corrected drawings is submitted for the Examiner's review. The ring buffer has been renamed 3r. Figures previously numbered 31 and 32 have been renumbered 10 and 11. New figures 12 and 13 are submitted to support claims 13 and 14 respectively, so claim 12 from which they closely derive. New figures 14 is submitted to support claim 15. Anyway, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.111 (b), applicant requests that objections and requirements as to form not necessary to further consideration of claims 3-15 and 17-18 be held in abeyance until allowable matter is definitely indicated in these claims.

OA issue #6

A new substitute specification is submitted. Applicant proposes corrections for all the grammatical and idiomatic problems he was aware. He hopes that now the specification is in better English. But if the Examiner still notices some errors, applicant thanks him in advance for any further constructive suggestions pursuant to M.P.E.P. §707.07 (j). New figures are described. And wording "shackle" has been selected to replace "craddle-stirup", because it translates correctly the French original term "étrier". No new matter has been introduced. Only some features have been explained with more details in consistence with what was stated in the original specification.

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OA issue #7

Appropriate amendment of claims 1-2 and 16 is submitted.

Favorable reconsideration is petitioned with deference.

Very Respectfully submitted.

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